

### I-198 Darold and Virginia Holten

- I-198-1** The County acknowledges the comment as an introduction to comments that follow. This comment is included in the Final EIR for review and consideration by the decision-makers prior to a final decision on the project. No further response is required or necessary.
- I-198-2** The comment states that the project will add thousands of cars to an already crowded I-15 and other roads. The comment also states that there are no plans to widen Buena Creek Road. As addressed in the Draft EIR on page 2.13-3 in Section 2.13, Transportation and Traffic, the project proposes to widen Twin Oaks Valley Road from its intersection with Deer Springs Road to its intersection with Buena Creek Road to City of San Marcos' Four-Lane Major Arterial standards. The project also proposes intersection improvements along Buena Creek Road, including the Buena Creek Road/Twin Oaks Valley Road intersection (in the City of San Marcos), the Buena Creek Road/Monte Vista Drive intersection, and the Buena Creek Road/S. Santa Fe Avenue intersection, to mitigate both direct and cumulative impacts to these intersections and corresponding segments. As it relates to the Buena Creek Road/Monte Vista Drive intersection, in response to the Twin Oaks Valley Sponsor Group's request that the County consider a roundabout at this intersection, this EIR identifies two mitigation options for this intersection, a conventional signalized intersection and a roundabout. Both mitigation options mitigate the project's impacts to less than significant. Concerning I-15, refer to **Topical Response TR-1**. The County will include the comment as part of the Final EIR for review and consideration by the decision-makers prior to a final decision on the project.
- I-198-3** The comment states that a development of this size would overburden the water supply and that we need to develop additional methods to provide water rather than buying it from out-of-state sources. The comment addresses a general subject area, which received extensive analysis in the Draft EIR, specifically in Section 2.14 Utilities and Service Systems, Appendix S, Water Supply Assessment. Refer to **Topical Response UTL-1**. The comment does not raise any specific issue regarding the analysis in the Draft EIR and, therefore, no more specific response can be provided or is required. The County will include the comment as part of the Final EIR for review and consideration by the decision-makers prior to a final decision on the project.
- I-198-4** The comment states that the project is proposed in a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone and does not provide enough emergency access routes. The comment also states that an evacuation on already clogged roads would compromise the safety of the entire region. The County does not concur with this comment. Refer to **Topical Response HAZ-1**, as well as Appendix N-2, Wildland Fire Evacuation Plan. The

## **Comment Letter Responses**

---

County will include the comment as part of the Final EIR for review and consideration by the decision-makers prior to a final decision on the project.